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1. TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL --

THE TC BEGAN DEBATE ON CONDITIONS IN THE TTPI JUNE 13, HEARING VIEWS OF FRANCE AND UK. PRESIDENT BYATT (UK) APPOINTED FRANCE AND THE UK TO SERVE ON A DRAFTING COMMITTEE TO ELABORATE CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON CONDITIONS IN TTPI ON THE BASIS OF TC DISCUSSIONS AND TO MAKE DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE CHAPTER TO BE INCLUDED IN THE TC REPORT TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL. THE TC TOOK NOTE OF THE SYG'S REPORTS DEALING WITH (1) OFFERS BY MEMBER STATES OF STUDY AND TRAINING FACILITIES FOR INHABITANTS OF TRUST TERRITORIES, AND (2) DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION ON THE UN AND THE INTERNATIONAL TRUSTEESHIP SYSTEM IN THE TRUST TERRITORIES. THE COUNCIL ALSO TOOK NOTE OF STATEMENTS BY THE US AND THE USSR ON AGENDA ITEMS RELATING TO "COOPERATION WITH THE COMMITTEE ON THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION" AND ON "DECADE FOR ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION."

SCALABRE (FRANCE) EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT THE INTEREST IN UNCLASSIFIED

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TTPI'S FUTURE SHOWN BY THE NEW US ADMINISTRATION, WHICH HAD ENVISAGED FORMS OF GOVERNMENT OTHER THAN THAT OF FREE ASSOCIATION, INCLUDING INDEPENDENCE. IT WAS NECESSARY TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO MAINTAIN FUTURE RELATIONS AMONG THE VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF THE TERRITORY IN SUCH FIELDS AS CULTURE AND THE ECONOMY. THERE WERE GREAT HOPES FOR FUTURE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE US AND TTPI, AND ALL OPTIONS SHOULD REMAIN OPEN. AT THIS STAGE THE TC SHOULD NOT HAMPER THE CONTINUATION OF NEGOTIATIONS. FRANCE SUPPORTED THE US REQUEST THAT A VISITING MISSION BE SENT TO SUPERVISE A CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUM AND POLITICAL EDUCATION PROCESS, AND ALSO SUPPORTED A PROGRAM OF ADMINISTRATIVE DECENTRALIZATION.

SCALABRE HOPED THAT THE HIGH COMMISSIONER WOULD MAKE ALL EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT THE INDICATIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN AT THE REGIONAL AND NATIONAL LEVELS. HE SAID MICRONESIANS MUST ENJOY ALL THE BENEFITS FROM DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR MARINE RESOURCES, EXPRESSED CONCERN AT THE LACK OF PROGRESS WITH JAPAN REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AIR LINK BETWEEN SAIPAN AND TOKYO, AND STATED THAT A PLANNED SUPERPORT SHOULD BE ECONOMICALLY VIABLE,

SHOULD SHOW RESPECT FOR ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS AND BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE POPULATION. EDUCATION IN THE TERRITORY SHOULD BE BETTER ADAPTED TO THE REALITIES OF MICRONESIAN CULTURE AND SOCIETY. SCALABRE WAS FULLY CONFIDENT CONCERNING THE ENLIGHTENED AND RESOLUTE ACTIONS OF THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY TO CARRY OUT ITS MANDATE.

MR. HARDEN (UK) SPOKE OF THE SEPARATIST TRENDS, AND WONDERED WHETHER THE UNITY OF THE TERRITORY WAS DOOMED TO COLLAPSE FOLLOWING TERMINATION OF THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT, BREAKING UP INTO AT LEAST FOUR SEPARATE STATES. UKDEL STILL BELIEVED AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE THAT RETENTION OF SOME DEGREE OF UNITY AFTER THE ENDING OF THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT WOULD BE IN THE GENERAL INTEREST OF THE MICRONESIANS, ALTHOUGH IT WAS FOR THE MICRONESIANS TO DEFINE THE NATURE OF THEIR RELATIONS WITH EACH OTHER.

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THE TIME HAD COME TO BE REALISTIC ABOUT THE DRAFT CONSTITUTION; IT WAS A MATTER OF URGENCY THAT THE MICRONESIANS CONCERT TOGETHER TO SEE WHETHER A CONSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE COULD BE DEvised WHICH WOULD ENSURE TO THE PEOPLE AS A WHOLE THE BENEFITS OF UNITY AND MEET THE UNDERSTANDABLE CONCERNS OF SOME OF THE DISTRICTS. THE NEW OPEN-MINDED APPROACH GAVE GROUND FOR HOPE THAT A COMPROMISE SOLUTION WOULD BE REACHED, AND IT WAS IMPERATIVE TO RESOLVE SERIOUS DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE DISTRICTS AS FAR AHEAD OF 1981 AS POSSIBLE, SHE SAID.

UKDEL HAD BEEN CONCERNED FOR SOMETIME ABOUT THE ALMOST TOTAL ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL DEPENDENCE ON THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY AND BELIEVED THAT GREAT EFFORTS MUST BE MADE TO PROMOTE SELF-SUFFICIENCY. HARDEN WAS PLEASED THAT THE FIVE-YEAR INDICATIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN PLACED GREATER EMPHASIS ON INCOME-PRODUCING ACTIVITIES, REGRETTED THAT CONTINENTAL AIRLINES' APPLICATION TO SERVE A SAIPAN-JAPAN AIR ROUTE WAS STILL SUBJECT OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH JAPAN, AND STATED THAT THE QUESTION OF WAR REPARATIONS WAS ANOTHER ISSUED ON WHICH ACTION WAS LONG OVERDUE.

DURING DISCUSSION OF STUDY AND TRAINING FACILITIES FOR TRUST TERRITORY INHABITANTS, FOKINE (USSR) SAID IT SEEMED THAT EITHER OFFERS NEVER REACHED THE PEOPLE CONCERNED OR CONDITIONS FOR ACCEPTING STUDY AND TRAINING FACILITIES WERE MADE DIFFICULT; THE SOVIET UNION CONSIDERED IT ITS DUTY TO PROVIDE FELLOWSHIPS FREE OF CHARGE AND WITHOUT CONDITIONS; AND THE SECRETARIAT MUST TAKE AN "AGGRESSIVE APPROACH" TO MAKE THE PEOPLE AWARE OF THE POSSIBILITIES OPEN TO THEM. KRIENDLER COMMENTED HE WAS UNAWARE OF ANY IMPEDIMENTS TO SUCH OFFERS. HE SAID HE HOPED THE SECRETARIAT WOULD CONSIDER HOW BEST TO AID MICRONESIANS IN PROMOTING THEIR OWN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. (REPEATED INFO UNCLASSIFIED

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MOSCOW; HICOMTERPACIS SAIPAN, HICOM PASS TO STATUS
LNO, RESCOM SAIPAN)

2. COMMITTEE OF 24 SUBCOMMITTEE ON SMALL TERRITORIES --

FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE (DUQUE) DELIVERED THE OPENING STATE-
MENT, ALSO ON BEHALF UK, AS THE SUBCOMMITTEE JUNE 13 BEGAN
CONSIDERATION OF NEW HEBRIDES. THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME THAT
FRANCE HAD PARTICIPATED IN THE DISCUSSIONS IN THE SUBCOMMITTEE
ON THE TERRITORY. US (WILSON) ANSWERED QUESTIONS CONCERNING
AMERICAN SAMOA THAT HAD BEEN ASKED BY MEMBERS PREVIOUSLY.

DUQUE STATED THAT FRANCE'S "SOLE GOAL" WAS TO LEAD THE NEW
HEBRIDES TO "FULL-FLEDGED SOVEREIGNTY" BY PROVIDING IT THE
MEANS TO ACHIEVE THIS ANY BY HELPING IT RETAIN ITS UNITY.
BECAUSE OF THE PROBLEMS THAT HAD ARISEN, IT WAS IMPORTANT TO
ACCELERATE THE PROCESS OF POLITICAL EVOLUTION OF THE
CONDOMINIUM. FRANCE AND THE UK HAD BEEN FACED WITH AN IMPASSE
IN THE REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY, AS RESULT OF REFUSAL OF CERTAIN
ELECTED MEMBERS TO CONTINUE TO SERVE. THE FRENCH AND
BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONERS HAD CHAIRED A CONFERENCE IN
MARCH IN NEW HEBRIDES AND HAD RECOMMENDED HOLDING A MINISTERIAL
MEETING IN PARIS IN JULY TO DRAW UP THE STAGES LEADING TO
INDEPENDENCE AND SET THE DATE FOR THE NEXT ELECTIONS WHICH
WOULD ALLOW FOR THE CREATION OF A NEW ASSEMBLY. AN INTERIM
COUNCIL HAD BEEN CREATED, UNDER THE CO-CHAIRMANSHIP OF
THE TWO RESIDENT COMMISSIONERS, TO ORGANIZE THE ELECTIONS
AND PREPARE FOR THE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE.

(AT THE REQUEST OF THE UK AND FRANCE, THE UN CIRCULATED
THE JOINT STATEMENT ISSUED MARCH 26 BY THE BRITISH AND
FRENCH HIGH COMMISSIONERS AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE
CONFERENCE (A/32/99).) (REPEATED INFO SUVA, CANBERRA)

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WILSON, REPLYING TO QUESTIONS ABOUT AMERICAN SAMOA, EXPLAINED THAT THE REASON THE PEOPLE VOTED IN THREE SEPARATE REFERENDA AGAINST ELECTING A GOVERNOR WAS THAT THEY CHOSE A "SLOWER COURSE." THEY HAD BEEN CONCERNED THAT THE ELECTION OF A GOVERNOR MIGHT BRING A CHANGE IN THE LEVEL OF USG SUPPORT, BUT THE US HAD ASSURED THE SAMOANS THAT THIS WOULD NOT BE THE CASE. REGARDING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE ELECTED GOVERNOR AND THE USG, HE SAID THAT UNDER US LAW THE CONGREE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OVER SAMOA TO THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, WHO REMAINED RESPONSIBLE TO THE US CONGRESS FOR SAMOA. REGARDING THE POLITICAL STATUS OF AMERICAN SAMOA, HE SAID IF THE US CONGRESS PASSED AN "ORGANIC ACT," THEN SAMOA WOULD REMAIN A TERRITORY OF THE US; HOWEVER, UNTIL THE PRESENT TIME, THE SAMOANS HAD NOT SUPPORTED AN ORGANIC

ACT. THE CHAIRMAN ASKED THE US TO PRESENT CLOSING STATEMENT
JUNE 15 (USUN 1880).

3. PANAMA'S "UPDATE PANAMA" SERIES --

THE PANAMANIAN MISSION HAS DISTRIBUTED THE THIRD IN ITS
"UPDATE PANAMA" SERIES, DEALING THIS TIME WITH ECONOMIC
ISSUES. THE COVERING PAPER CONSIDERS THE FOLLOWING
QUESTIONS: IS THE CANAL A "VITAL ECONOMIC INTEREST"
OF THE US? WHO BENEFITS FROM THE CANAL? AND PANAMA'S
FUTURE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

4. NIGER'S CANDIDACY FOR SECURITY COUNCIL --

THE MISSION OF NIGER WROTE USUN THAT THE AFRICAN
GROUP DECIDED TO SUPPORT NIGER'S CANDIDACY FOR 1978-79
SEAT NOW HELD BY BENIN. (USUN 1870)

5. FALKLAND (MALVIANS) ISLANDS --

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IN SEPARATE LETTERS, UK AMB RICHARD (A/32/111) AND
ARGENTINE AMB ORTIZ DE ROZAS (A/32/110) REQUESTED THE SYG TO
CIRCULATE THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN BUENOS AIRES AND
LONDON APRIL 26 WHICH REPORTED THE TWO POWERS WOULD HOLD
NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNING THE FUTURE POLITICAL RELATIONS WITH
REGARD TO THE FALKLAND (MALVINAS) ISLANDS, SOUTH GEORGIA
AND THE SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS, AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION
WITH REGARD TO THE TERRITORIES, IN PARTICULAR, AND THE
SOUTH WEST ATLANTIC, IN GENERAL. THE MAJOR OBJECTIVE, IT
STATED, WOULD BE TO ACHIEVE A STABLE, PROSPEROUS AND
POLITICALLY DURABLE FUTURE FOR THE ISLANDS, AND THE
NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE POSITION
OF EITHER GOVERNMENT WITH REGARD TO SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE
ISLANDS. (REPEATED INFO BUENOS AIRES)

6. US CONTRIBUTION TO UN --

ON JUNE 13, USUN FORWARDED TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL A CHECK
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$900,000 IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS PLEDGE
TO THE UN FOR RELIEF PROGRAMS IN LEBANON. THIS PAYMENT
REPRESENTED AN ADDITIONAL US PAYMENT FOR THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF PHASE II OF LEBANON'S HEALTH DELIVERY
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